YPSILANTI CATHOLIC

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Thanksgiving Canned Foods Collected Today Please be Generous to Catholic Social Services

THANKSGIVING A TIME FOR GIVING

As was announced last Sunday and featured in the YPSILANTI CATHOLIC, today there will be a drive for canned goods to be sent to the sadly depleted Catholic Social Services shelves to be distributed as they find a need. Please be generous in your contributions ...many will be dependent on your help. We will be working in conjunction with Trinity Chapel on this drive. If you leave your donations in the provided boxes in the vestibule, volunteers from the Chapel will pick up and deliver to the CSS after the last Mass today.

Don't forget that the clothing drive has also begun. Please bring your donations of clothes to the church basement where they will be sorted and packed after the Thanksgiving weekend. It is our hope that you will bring clothes you find still usable, not those needing mending, etc. Anyone wishing to help in the sorting and packing of clothing is most welcome. Call Sr. Carol at 483-3408 and leave your name.

Also remember that the collection on Thanksgiving Day will be used by the St. Vincent de Paul workers for their help with the poor and needy of our parish and community. We hope that you will be generous in your desire to help.

THANKSGIVING MASSES
7:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 22
9:00 a.m. Thursday, November 23

THIS PRIVILEGED HOUR....

by Father King

The many cards and flowers that still adorn my office here are reminders sufficient that I must begin this article with a word of sincere and deep gratitude to all those who expressed their concern during my unexpected and longer than anticipated hospital stay. Phrases like a 'thief in the night' took on a peculiar significance as I found myself trying to interpret objectively the symptoms and the interpretations, at the early hour, ranged from diagnosis such as hypochondria to the other extreme. So the main decision to check things out was based primarily on a preventive medicine approach. Extensive tests, including seemingly continuous strapping of the arm with a blood pressure band, have indicated that, while the condition is not hypochondria, neither is it any serious organic problem. "Essential hypertension" seems to be the word that keeps coming out and I have now joined the ranks of the 'pill pushers.' So be it. But, it was most heartening to know of the many prayers that were offered, and concerns expressed that brought a sense of deep gratitude to all.

One of the unfortunate aspects of timing was that the visit with our friend of long standing from Germany, Msgr. Nicholas Liesel, was considerably shortened. This indefatigable citizen of the world is 78 years young, speaks about eight languages and is in the process of learning another - Portugese, - a student of botany, and an expert in Eastern liturgies. He enjoyed very much the liturgy here, the warmth of the people who helped entertain him, the coffee hours after the Masses and St. John's in general. And that is the Spirit that we hope will continue to permeate the atmosphere of this community both to residents and visitors.

PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, November 19
- 9:00 And 11:00 Masses - Coffee and Doughnuts, Church Hall
- 9:00 And 11:00 Masses - Babysitting Services, Rm. 5, Parish Center
- 9:00 a.m. Pre-School Classes, Parish Center

MONDAY, November 20
- 4:30 p.m. Brownies meet in Parish Center Lunchroom
- 6:45 p.m. Jr. High Religious Education Program, Parish Center
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, Church Hall
- 7:30 p.m. Youth Executive Meeting, Teen Center
- 8:00 p.m. Education Commission, Center Library

TUESDAY, November 21
- 1:00 p.m. Project Transition, Parish Center Lunchroom
- 7:00 p.m. Teen Center Activities
- 7:30 p.m. Liturgy Preparation, Rm. 9, Parish Center
- 7:30 p.m. Convert Classes, Center Library

WEDNESDAY, November 22
- *9:30 To 11:00 a.m. - Adult Education Course, Center Library, Fr. Robert Kerr
  *Babysitting available upon pre-request
- 4:30 To 5:30 Program B, Religious Education, Parish Center
- 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice, Rm. 9, Parish Center

THRUSDAY, November 23

HAPPY THANKSGIVING THROUGHOUT THE PARISH
NO TEEN CENTER ACTIVITIES THIS EVENING
HAVE A HAPPY HOLIDAY WEEKEND

YOUR COMMENTS
Litrugically Speaking

by Fr. Harvey

As we promised a few weeks ago when the St. John's Worship Commission Opinion Poll was taken at all the Masses on a particular week-end, we would like to give you a sampling of comments the Commission received. As might be expected in any parish community, the comments, criticisms and commendations are many and varied. Through this column which will appear in the Ypsilanti Catholic for the next several weeks, the intent is not only to share the feelings of fellow worshippers but to continually assess the efforts of our Worship Commission as well as being an instrument of information and clarification for points and comments in the survey which are confusing to some.

The old adage "You can't please everyone all the time" proved to be true once again. However, we hope that we are suitably serving most much of the time.

COMMENT: From a middle-aged, married parishioner: "St. John's is a beautiful church and all the priests and parishioners are wonderful, good and loving people. Thanks be to God."

RESPONSE: What a way to begin!!!

COMMENT: From an 18 year-old, single parishioner: "This is a very beautiful church. I really enjoy coming. You should keep the Sunday evening Mass."

RESPONSE: We agonized a great deal about the status of the Sunday evening Mass. The evening Mass was begun approximately 7 or 8 years ago, prior to the time it was possible to celebrate the Sunday Liturgy on Saturday evening as we now do at 5:00 p.m. in our parish. It was suggested over one year ago by some members of the Worship Commission that the 7:00 p.m. Mass should be discontinued because of the inconvenience to the priests, singers, etc. However, no action was taken because we felt we were serving a number of people and that it was a particularly convenient time for our high school students who attended religion classes following the Mass. As time wore on, we discovered that many high school students did not find this time preferable and that the participation at the 7:00 p.m. was not exceptionally good, a point which was disconcerting especially to the musicians at this Mass, as well as to the celebrants of the Liturgy. Through a hand-count taken on Sundays, August 27 and September 3, what we had surmised, became a known reality. Of the 235 worshippers present August 27th, 78 of them were parishioners. Of the 200 worshippers present September 3rd, 62 were parishioners. While we are happy to welcome everyone, at all times, effective participation is not always possible when the majority of the congregation are strangers to much of the music and to one another. We do hope the 12:30 p.m. Mass we now celebrate on Sunday will prove to be an acceptable replacement.

--More next week. Your comments are welcome.

EDUCATION NOOK

IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE! The Religious Education Staff thanks Ray Cryderman for volunteering to assist with our A-V repairs.

COME ON OVER! Parents of children in grades one through six are invited to come to the Center on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday of Thanksgiving Week. There will be a paraliturgical celebration held at 11:30, 12:45, and 5:00 p.m. on all three days to commemorate the Thanksgiving holiday. Come at the time your child is participating or any other convenient time.

Fourth graders reflect a moment on serious thought as they work on maps of the Holy Land.

Kim Fairfield, a third grader shares the name of someone she loves with Sister Carla and the rest of her religion class during a recent prayer service.

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Our prayerful remembrance is extended to the family and friends of Clarence Smarch who died on November 8, at the age of 63. Mr. Smarch was manager of McCalla Dairy for the past 45 years, and lived at the McCalla homestead on West Michigan Avenue. Funeral services were celebrated by Fr. Harvey on Saturday in the Wagner-Stark Moore Memorial Chapel. Burial followed in Highland Cemetery. May he rest in peace.

BABYSITTING SCHEDULE
Sunday, November 26, 1972

9:00 a.m. Connie Barnard and Peg Birdsall

11:00 a.m. Kris Carpenter and Denise Schenher

SACRISTANS NEEDED

Any woman interested in becoming a sacristan, please call either Betty Vargo at 483-0393 or Rose Budinger at 482-6370. Perhaps some of you did sign up for this area and haven't been called. We would appreciate your help.

WEDDING BANNS

III Robert Foster and Karen Daniels

II Michael Wnuk and Elizabeth Powers

PARISH DINNER ANOTHER SUCCESS

Once again, the parish response to the monthly course, who could resist the delicious aroma pervac promptly at 1:30, the crowd was almost too large to h get used to the new Mass schedule and know that din at 1:30. The October dinner was a little slower in sta more how to judge for the next time, so if you had a ra another chance. Your December dinner will simulta some of the wares of which you had a view of this las working diligently with their talents to produce gifts yo

Responsible for serving and clearing were:

Front Row: Shirley Kuhl, Kay Kuhl, Kelli Carpente Karen Wawrzaszek, Janet Burns, and Cindy Wagner.
Back Row: Viola Smith, Elsie Paffel, Julie Motto, J Gillman, Kathy Tice, Kris Konz, and Helen Hanes.
Missing: Christine Neuland and Monica Soraruf

Responsible for the task of washing dishes were:

ALTAR BOY SCHEDULE
Week of November 19, 1972

WEEKDAY MASSES 7:00 a.m.
SATURDAY MORNING MASS 9:00 a.m.
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
TEAM I - Jerry Sullivan and Ronald Bureau
Thursday, Friday, Saturday
TEAM II - Joe Salter and Chuck Gannon
SATURDAY, November 25, 1972
5:00 p.m. David Dupuis and Tom Anhut
SUNDAY, November 26, 1972
7:00 a.m. Scott Phetteplace and Mike Cicirelli
9:00 a.m. Greg White and Pat Heck
11:00 a.m. Mike and Pat Wideman
12:30 p.m. Jim Sullivan and Peter Burgard

SINGLES

Are you single for any reason and over 30? Would you like to meet with others in this and neighboring parishes for social functions? If so, see Joe Stander or call Kay Williams at 434-1450 and Mary obert at 971-9339.

LECTOR SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, November 25, 1972
5:00 p.m. . . . . C. Budinger
SUNDAY, November 26, 1972
7:00 a.m. . . . . R. Kuhl
9:00 a.m. . . . . L. Sanford
11:00 a.m. . . . . B. Anhut
12:30 a.m. . . . . V. Clyne

COMMENTATOR SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, November 25, 1972
5:00 p.m. . . . . E. Look
SUNDAY, November 26, 1972
7:00 a.m. . . . . G. Butman
9:00 a.m. . . . . D. Wagner
11:00 a.m. . . . . M. Anhut
12:30 p.m. . . . . P. Stokes

NEW LIFE IN CHRIST

Scott Alexander Lepech, son of Peter and J. Susan Howe Lepech, Jr., was received into St. John's Church on Sunday, November 12, 1972 through the sacrament of Baptism administered by Father David Harvey. Scott's godparents were Richard Lepech and Nancy Howe. Welcome into St. John's Parish, Scott.

REMINDERS

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS still needed ...call Sr. Sheila at 483-6378.

MINI-BAZAAR to be held at the December monthly dinner. Workers will meet at Joan Gillman's the nights of November 20, November 27, December 4. Come and help.

COFFEE AND DOUGHNUTS after the 9:00 and 11:00 Masses every Sunday. Are you taking advantage of this opportunity to meet with other parishioners?

FINANCIAL BAROMETER

Sunday Offertory
November 12, 1972 . . . . . .$2,001.00

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, November 20, 1972 - Weekday
7:00 a.m. Eleanora C. Hutting req. by Mrs. George J. Max
TUESDAY, November 21, 1972 - Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary
7:00 a.m. Bruce Morrison req. by Joanne and Bob Curry
WEDNESDAY, November 22, 1972 - St. Cecilia, Virgin-Martyr
7:00 a.m. Tom Brown, req. by Mary Sullivan
7:30 p.m. Myrtle Starwas, req. by The Weins Family
THURSDAY, November 23, 1972 - Weekday
9:00 a.m. Andy Kelly, req. by Mary Sullivan
FRIDAY, November 24, 1972 - Weekday
7:00 a.m. Gretchen Borsl, req. by Ruby and Bob Belcher
SATURDAY, November 25, 1972 - Weekday
9:00 a.m. William Wickering, req. by Ulysses Pilot
2:00 p.m. Wedding, Brian Fannon and Janet Addison
5:00 p.m. Staff Sgt. Andre Laberge, req. by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph M. Laberge
SUNDAY, November 26, 1972 - Christ the King
7:00 a.m. Intention of the Celebrant
9:00 a.m. Msgr. John Bradley, req. by Marie Stachlewicz
11:00 a.m. Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Parre, req. by Mr. & Mrs. Emil Parre
12:30 p.m. Sesi and Rettinger Families, req. by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Sesi

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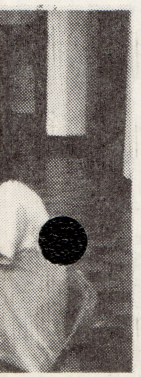

Left Side Front: Was Keller and Ray Shock
Right Side Front: Fred Gillman and Mike Prevost
Other workers for this dinner were: Matt Conlin (pictured at the head of the table),
Dan Paffel, Don Randazzo, Jim Soraruf, Bernice Bigger, and Joan Gillman.
We express our gratitute both to the cooks and workers and to those of you who waited so graciously. We could not do it without you!

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